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*For Local 8 Members at Northwest Carpenters Trust*

May 26, 2023

## **Merger Investigation and Steward Elections**

It was nice to meet so many of you at the May 17th meeting and on the video conference.

I'll continue to look into what I can find out about a possible merger. I've not yet been able to confirm the plan going forward. I am proceeding as if a merger is happening.

I sent a demand to bargain the impacts of a merger and an information request to Randy. I received a response that my correspondence is to be sent to Attorney Daniel Shanley in California. I will wait for a formal response and let you know when we have information to share.

Just so you are aware, section 7.2 of the contract is layoff language. It gives laid off members 1 week's pay for each year of service, not to exceed 8 weeks. Employees with less than two full years of service shall receive two weeks of pay.

Keep your eyes and ears open and let me know if you hear anything I may need to know.

### **Steward Elections**

We are going to hold steward elections to temporarily fill the steward position vacated with Allyson on leave. If we have enough member interest, we can add another steward position.

If you are interested in being a steward, please email Ida at [Ida@opeiu8.org](mailto:Ida@opeiu8.org) by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If there is more interest in being a steward than we have steward positions we will hold an election. Please call or email Ida or talk to a steward if you have questions.

***If you have any questions, please contact Ida Kovacic, Union Representative, [Ida@opeiu8.org](mailto:Ida@opeiu8.org), 206-441-8880 x117***



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